(b) whether the amount of salaries, allowances, contingencies, etc., of the officers and men so stationed was recovered in whole or in part from the landlords and if so, what percentage of costs was so recovered?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (a) The information is not readily available and it is considered not worthwhile or commensurate with results to go through the collection and analysis proposed.

" (b) The posting of the police was necessary and was part of Government's duties and responsibilities. No part of the expenditure was collected from private persons."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, when a particular information is desired by the Members, is admitted and is also put on the Order Paper, is it open to the Government to say whether it is or is not in the public interest to furnish the information and also whether public money is to be spent or not to be spent? Is it in their domain to do so? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I may explain to the hon. Member that the question is ' In how many places and for what periods units of Special Armed Police were stationed in villages between 1st January 1951 and 31st December 1952 " and I have answered that the information is not readily available and on the basis of that fact I have said that it is not considered worthwhile or commensurate with results to go through the collection and analysis proposed. If, still the hon. Member wants, we will have to spend public money and time on it."

Rural dispensary in Alanallur, Walluvanad taluk.

* 477 Q.—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a rural dispensary in Alanallur in Walluvanad, Malabar district, and that the building for the same was contributed by the public; and

(b) when the dispensary was closed and what was the reason for the same?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) The rural dispensary at Alanallur was closed down for want of a qualified medical practitioner in Modern Medicine. The dispensary was however re-opened as a dispensary of Indigenous Medicine."